

Selected Agency Key Objectives at a Glance

Economy

Goal: Be a national leader in the preservation and enhancement of our economy.

- Assist companies that are making investments in Virginia
- Increase international sales
- Build additional educational and innovation capacity in Southside and Southwest Virginia
- Reduce economic disparity among communities
- Increase employment among Virginians with low income and/or disabilities
- Increase financing for small businesses
- Increase market value of Virginia food, agricultural, and forestry products

Education

Goal: Elevate the educational preparedness and attainment levels of our citizens.

- Increase number of four-year-olds served by preschool initiatives
- Increase third-grade reading passage rate
- Increase high school graduation rate
- Increase career readiness of high school students
- Increase enrollment in GED and post-secondary degree programs
- Maximize higher education access and affordability

Health

Goal: Inspire and support Virginians toward healthy lives and strong, resilient families.

- Achieve children in foster care in permanent families
- Prevent child maltreatment
- Reduce teenage pregnancy, obesity, smoking and infant mortality
- Increase immunization rates
- Increase service delivery in community and family-based settings
- Improve birth outcomes for Medicaid recipients
- Help individuals maintain employment and independence

Public Safety

Goal: Protect the public's safety and security, ensure a fair & effective system of justice, and provide a prepared response to emergencies & disasters of all kinds.

- Decrease juvenile re-offense
- Reduce recidivism for Therapeutic Community Treatment participants
- Promote successful offender re-entry and compliance
- Decrease traffic fatalities
- Increase emergency and disaster response capability
- Ensure secure confinement and supervision of offenders
- Increase compliance with underage alcohol and tobacco use laws

Natural, Historic & Cultural Resources

Goal: Protect, conserve and wisely develop our natural, cultural and historic resources.

- Improve and protect air and water quality
- Conserve and enhance resource lands
- Increase access to safe and affordable drinking water
- Recognize and help protect historic resources
- Increase public attendance at arts events
- Improve museum exhibits and educational programs

Transportation

Goal: Ensure Virginia has a transportation system that is safe, allows the easy movement of people and goods, enhances the economy, and improves our quality of life.

- Increase public transportation use
- Maintain, improve and develop railways
- Manage congestion growth
- Increase percentage of on-time, on-budget highway construction projects

Government & Citizens

Goal: Be recognized as the best-managed state in the nation.

- Support increase in voter participation
- Achieve best bond rates
- Issue timely tax refunds and respond to taxpayer inquiries in a timely manner
- Resolve complaints and bring practitioners into compliance

Virginia's Secretariats

- Administration
- Agriculture & Forestry
- Commerce & Trade
- Education
- Finance
- Health & Human Resources
- Natural Resources
- Public Safety
- Technology
- Transportation